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Dear Sir:

This paper responds to the Office Action in the above-entitled application, mailed December 4, 2002. Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 2, 9 and 18.

Please add new claims 24-26 as follows:

24. A coating composition for an article comprising a superabsorbent water-soluble polymer precursor in aqueous solution, wherein the superabsorbent water-soluble polymer precursor is a polyacrylate.

25. A coating formed on the surfaces of a reinforcing article, comprising a superabsorbent water-soluble polymer, wherein the superabsorbent water-soluble